

NATIONAL PARK PARTNERSHIPS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held an oversight hearing entitled “The Role of Partnerships in National Parks.” Testimony was heard from Daniel N. Wenk, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

STATE DEPARTMENT TRANSITION IN IRAQ

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported followed by consideration of the following measures: H.R. 3243, To amend section 5542 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that any hours worked by Federal firefighters under a qualified trade-of-time arrangement shall be excluded for purposes of determinations relating to overtime pay; H.R. 5367, as amended, D.C. Courts and Public Defender Service Act of 2010; H.R. 5702, To amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to reduce the waiting period for holding special elections to fill vacancies in the membership of the Council of the District of Columbia; H.R. 5368, as amended, United States Postal Service Inspectors Equity Act; H. Res. 1494, as amended, Congratulating the champion finalists, and all other participants in the 83rd Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee; H. Res. 1529, Commending Bob Sheppard for his long and respected career as the public-address announcer for the New York Yankees and the New York Giants; H. Res. 1603, Expressing support for designation of September 2010 as National Craniofacial Acceptances Month; H. Res. 1617, Supporting the goals and purpose of Gold Star Mothers Day, which is observed on the last Sunday in September of each year in remembrance of the supreme sacrifice made by mothers who lose a son or daughter serving in the Armed Forces; H.R. 4602, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Services located at 1332 Sharon Copley Road in Sharon Center, Ohio, as the “Emil Bolas Post Office;” H.R. 6118, as amended, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., in Washington, D.C., as the “Dorothy I. Height Post Office Building;” S. 3567, A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Broadway in Lynbrook, New York, as the “Navy Corpsman Jeffrey L. Wiener Post Office Building;” H.R. 6014, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 212 Main Street in Harman, Arkansas, as the “M. R. ‘Bucky’ Walters Post Office;” H. Res. 1442, Supporting the goals and Ideals of United States Military Month; and H.R. 5877, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 655 Centre Street in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, as the “Lance

Corporal Alexander Scott Arredondo, United States Marine Corps Post Office Building.”

The Committee also held a hearing entitled “Transition in Iraq: Is the State Department Prepared to Take the Lead?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Commission on War-time Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan: Michael J. Thibault, Co-Chairman; and Grant S. Green, Commissioner; and Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction.

NTSB'S RED LINE METRO CRASH REPORT

Committee on Oversight and Investigations: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, held a hearing entitled “Moving Forward After the NTSB Report: Making Metro a Safety Leader.” Testimony was heard from Deborah A. P. Hersman, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; the following officials of the Washington Area Transit Authority; Catherine Hudgins, Board of Directors, First Vice Chairman; and Richard Sarles, Interim General Manager; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5866, Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 2010; and H.R. 6160, Rare Earths and Critical Materials Revitalization Act of 2010.

SCIENCE AND INNOVATION POLICY

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on The Science of Science and Innovation Policy. Testimony was heard from Julia Lane, Program Director, Science of Science and Innovation Policy, NSF; and public witnesses.

PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO INTEROPERABILITY

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on Progress on P25: Furthering Interoperability and Competition for Public Safety Radio Equipment. Testimony was heard from Russ Sveda, Manager, Radio Technical Service Center, Department of the Interior; Tom Sorley, Deputy Director, Radio Communications Services, Information Technology Department, Houston, Texas; and public witnesses.

CONTRACTING PROCUREMENT PRACTICES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Veterans Health Administration Contracting and Procurement Practices. Testimony was heard from Debra A. Draper, Director,